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SUBJECT: MAP SUPPORT FOR THAI SELF- SUFFICIENCY PROJECTS

REF: A. SECDEF 082257 Z JUN 73 B. STATE 100776

1. ON 8 JUNE 73 DOD/ ISA (SA/ DSAA) NOTIFIED CINCPAC THAT EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1973 ALL MAP FINANCING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE THAI AMMUNITION

MANUFACTURING PLANT (TAMP) WOULD BE TERMINATED. EARLIER DOD (SA/ DSAA)

INFORMED COMUSMACHTAI THAT THE FINANCING OF THE EXPANSION OF TAMP WITH GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE WAS NOT IN CONSONANCE WITH MAP POLICY.

2. THE DOD DECISION SEEMS TO FLY DIRECTLY IN THE FACE OF REPEATED GUIDANCE WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED-- AND ATTEMPTED TO EFFECT-- RE DEVELOP-
ING SELF- RELIANCE AMONG MAP GRANT AID RECIPIENT COUNTRIES,
AND SEEMS PARTICULARLY TO BE CONTRADICTORY TO THE POLICY ON SELF-
RELIANCE ENUNCIATED BY UNDER SECRETARY TARR IN REF B.

3. IT IS CLEARLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE TAMP EXPANSION, WHICH WAS BEGUN IN FY73 UNDER MAP AND ON WHICH THE RTG HAS ALREADY SPENT CONSIDERABLE FUNDS, BE COMPLETED UNDER THE GRANT

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AID PROGRAM. THE MERITS OF THE EXPANSION, WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR RTG SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION NEEDS, HAVE BEEN WELL SPELLED OUT FOR DOD BY COMUSMACTHAI.

4. THIS PROJECT WAS STIMULATED BY THE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST TO COMUSMACTHAI TO HELP THE THAI ASSUME MORE OF THEIR OWN DEFENSE LOGIS-
TIC NEEDS WHICH HAD HERETOFORE BEEN BORNE BY MAP GRANT ASSISTANCE, AND THEREBY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CUT PORTION OF MAP GOING FOR O AND
M COSTS. THAI HAVE ACCEPTED THIS AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF SIRAKIT PLAYED THIS THEME BACK LOUDLY IN RECENT TALKS WITH CHARGE. INITIALLY, IT APPEARED ON THE SURFACE THAT MERE OPERATION OF A SECOND SHIFT AT THE PLANT WOULD MEET RTG REQUIREMENTS; BUT FULL FEASIBILITY STUDY REVEALED THAT THIS WOULD NOT SUFFICE AND THAT EXPANSION OF THE PLANT WOULD BE REQUIRED. WE CONSEQUENTLY GAVE THE PROJECT FULL ENDORSEMENT.

5. IT IS OUR CONSIDERED OPINION THAT WITHDRAWING MAP GRANT AID SUPPORT FROM THIS PROJECT AT THIS JUNCTURE WOULD DO GRAVE DAMAGE TO US CREDIBILITY IN THAILAND AND CONTRIBUTE TO IMPRESSION THAT US IS ABANDONING RTG TO ITS OWN DEVICES. THIS IS A PROJECT WE PICKED UP LAST YEAR, SOLD TO THAI AND SUPPORTED WITH MAP GRANT AID RESOURCES. WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT IT BE ACCORDED SIMILAR HIGH PRIORITY IN FY74.

6. WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS KNOWN TO DOD AND, IF REQUIRED, STATE THAT THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO MAP POLICY AS ENVISAGED IN DOD MILITARY ASSISTANCE MANUAL

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7. MORE DETAILED MESSAGE REGARDING TAMP PROJECT SPECIFICALLY RESPOND-
ING TO REF A WILL FOLLOW.
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